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CalEnviroScreen
c/o Dr. John Faust
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Re: Draft California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool
(CalEnviroScreen) Version 2.0

Dear Dr. Faust:

On behalf of the County of Marin, I write to voice our concerns on the Draft CalEnviroScreen Version 2.0 (CESv2), which indicates that less than 3% of Bay Area residents live in disadvantaged communities. Pursuant to Senate Bill 535, Disadvantaged Community designations are important because they will dictate where hundreds of millions of dollars in Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds will be spent.

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is proposing to use the CES model developed by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to identify disadvantaged communities. However, based on how CalEPA has chosen to designate disadvantaged communities, a significant amount of the funding (up to 50% in certain project categories) may bypass the Bay Area. As indicated by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District):

- The Bay Area is home to about 17 % of Californians living in poverty;
- About 19 % of the Bay Area suffers from high rates of asthma and low birth weight;
- Levels of exposure to diesel particulate matter, an especially harmful air pollutant, are higher in the Bay Area than any other region in California except the Los Angeles air basin.

However, the current CESv2 model indicates that less than 3% of Bay Area residents live in disadvantaged communities that would qualify for Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds. We respectfully request that OEHHA work with the Air District to incorporate the disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area with the goal of promoting health equity and reducing greenhouse emissions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrin Sears, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Jack P. Broadbent, Air District